

Inpatient Provider APeX Updates - July 2025

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Handoff Information Retained Post-Discharge

Audience: All Users

Reason for Change: Currently, data in the Handoff tool is purged at the time of discharge. After this update, providers will be able to open old admissions (up to 6 months) to review Handoff information.

Description & Workflow: To view previous Handoff information, search for the patient using Patient Station. Double click to open the previous Discharged Admission encounter. When the chart opens, you can either search for the “Handoff” report in the Summary activity or open the sidebar and click on the Handoff tab. In both locations, this information will be read-only.

The screenshot displays the 'Handoff' tab in a medical software interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'Pediatric Hospital...' entered. Below the search bar, a yellow warning box with a red border and an information icon states: 'Read-Only' and 'Handoff data can only be edited for a current admission.' The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Patient Summary / One Liner (edit in Daily Rounds)' with a large empty text box; 'Illness Severity' with a sub-section 'Illness Severity: Watcher' and a large empty text box; 'Interval Events' with a sub-section '- vomited twice overnight, started IVF' and a large empty text box; and 'Action List / To Do' with a list of tasks: '[] Check 8am electrolytes', '[] Follow up on abnormal labs', and '[]'. Each section has a 'History' link at the bottom right. The interface also shows 'My Dashboards' and 'Handoff' tabs at the top left.

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Inpatient Consult to Lactation Order Updates

Audience: UCSF

Reason for Change: Part of the Birth Center Collaborative Initiative to help improve Length of Stay, one of the interventions proposed is to help identify and streamline the process of identifying lactation risk factors for patients so lactation consultants can prioritize efficiently who needs a lactation consult prior to discharge, and avoid a barrier to discharge.

Description & Workflow: The Inpatient Consult to Lactation Services now features updated questions and a sidebar report to aid lactation consultants and clinicians. The sidebar includes Maternal and Newborn risk factors, while new questions specify if the consult is for Maternal or Newborn, and whether the patient's I/Os and latch score are updated. Additionally, there's a link to The Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine's clinical protocol for detailed lactation risk factors.

The new **Select whether the consult is for:** question allows the ordering clinician to specify that the consult is either a **Maternal** consult or a **Newborn** consult, and when that choice is made, additional options appear to allow specific risk factors to be identified.

The screenshot shows the 'Inpatient Consult to Lactation' form. On the left, under 'Maternal and Newborn Risk Factors', there are two sections: 'Maternal Lactation Risk Factors' and 'Newborn Lactation Risk Factors'. The 'Maternal' section lists 7 risk factors, and the 'Newborn' section lists 7 risk factors. On the right, there are questions: 'Select whether the consult is for:' with 'Maternal' and 'Newborn' buttons, 'Have you updated the patient's I/Os?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons, and 'Have you updated the patient's latch score?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. There is also a 'Comments' field with an 'Add Comments' button and a 'Reference Links' section with a link to 'Lactation Risk Factor Reference - Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine Clinical Protocol #2'. At the bottom, there are 'Next Required' and 'Link Order' buttons, and 'Accept' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Options that appear when **Maternal** is selected:

The screenshot shows the options that appear when 'Maternal' is selected. It includes the 'Select whether the consult is for:' question with 'Maternal' and 'Newborn' buttons. Below this, there is a section titled 'Maternal Risk Factors' with a list of checkboxes: 'History for breast surgery', 'History of breastfeeding issues', 'Nipple and breast issues (Additional free text details required)', 'Advanced maternal age', 'Medical condition(s) (Additional free text details required)', 'Maternal mental health (Additional free text details required)', 'Vulnerable and separated dyads (Additional free text details required)', and 'No risk factors'.

Options that appear when **Newborn** is selected:

Select whether the consult is for:

! Newborn Risk Factors

☐ Late preterm ☐ SGA or LGA ☐ Hypoglycemia

☐ Oral feeding dysfunction (Additional free text details required)

☐ Excessive weight loss & minimal output ☐ Hyperbilirubinemia

☐ Multiple newborns ☐ No risk factors

Some of the selections include a parenthetical stating: '**Additional free text details required.**' When one of these options is selected another field appears that requires free text entry before the order can be signed.

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! List risk factors:

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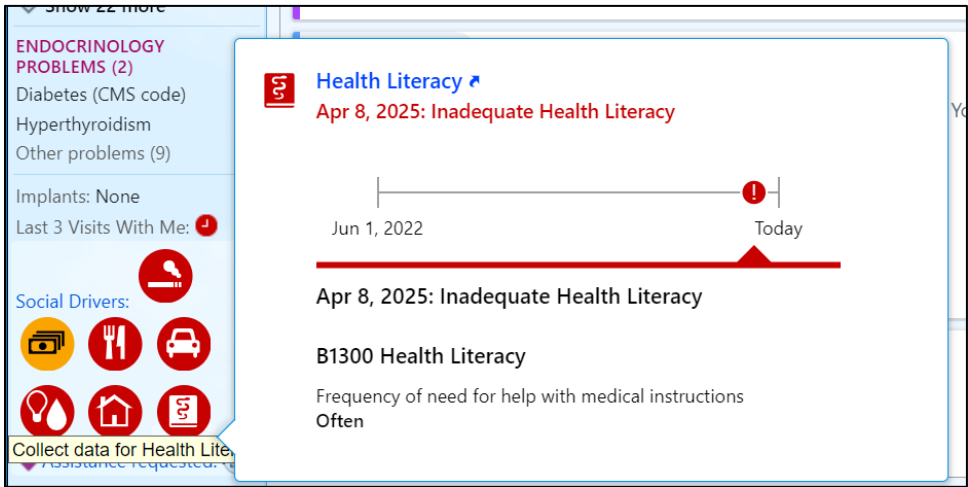
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Health Literacy Added to Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)

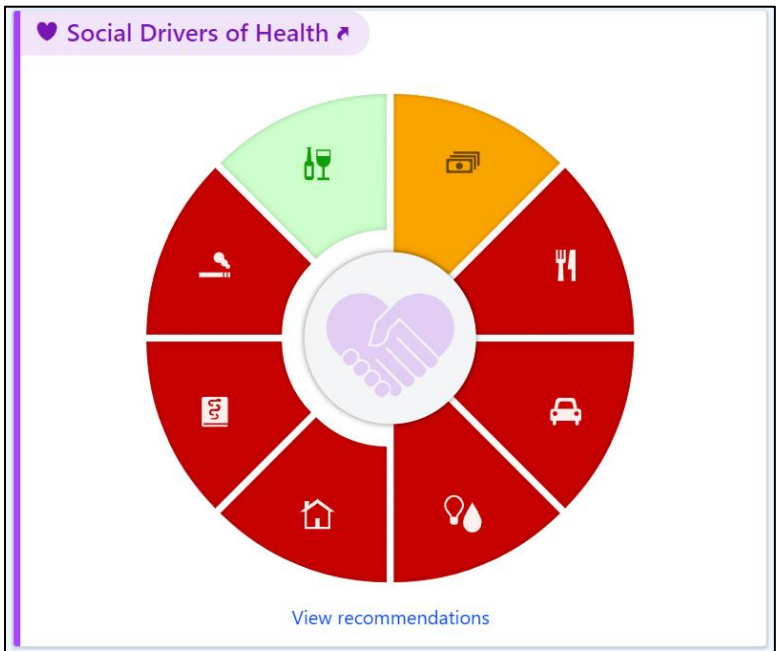
Audience: All Users

Reason for Change: Epic added Health Literacy screening questions to the screening flowsheet tool but did not release the SDOH domain to display risk values within the SDOH data. We have had requests from multiple groups to update the SDOH build to include the Health Literacy domain.

Brief Description & Workflow: Hover over the Storyboard SDOH section to display domains.



The SDOH domain groups are available within Snapshot and Summary reports.



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Reporting Office Hours

APeX Reporting Team members and EIA are hosting Office Hours monthly. Get answers to your questions on APeX Reporting content and workflows, and Tableau Dashboards. This is a forum to provide end users with immediate training support, there is no set agenda, however we do provide a Reporting Tip each session. Below is the upcoming schedule for Office Hours:

[APeX Reporting Office Hours Meeting Link](#)

Date	Time
July 3, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
July 17, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
August 7, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm
August 21, 2025	12:10 pm - 1:00 pm

Audience Legend

All Users: All APeX Inpatient Providers at any location

MarinHealth: MarinHealth Hospital

UCSF: All UCSF locations in San Francisco; including Parnassus, Mt. Zion and Langley Porter

BCH: Benioff Children's Hospital-Oakland and Mission Bay (Pediatric Specific Changes)

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- Assure that all information is entered correctly and accurately and within your scope of practice.
- Stay up to date on changes in Apex.
- Follow all UCSF Policies & Procedures on use of the electronic health record.
- Report any issues or problems to your manager and/or IT Service Desk at (415) 514-APeX (2739).